

Western Sydney - Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services

2023/24 - 2027/28

Activity Summary View



AOD - 1 - Drug and Alcohol Core & Operational Services (formerly Transition funding)



Activity Metadata

Applicable Schedule *

Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services

Activity Prefix *

AOD

Activity Number *

1

Activity Title *

Drug and Alcohol Core & Operational Services (formerly Transition funding)

Existing, Modified or New Activity *

Existing



Activity Priorities and Description

Program Key Priority Area *

Alcohol and Other Drugs

Other Program Key Priority Area Description

Aim of Activity *

To increase the availability of drug and alcohol treatment services for individuals and communities who may also be affected by mental illness, while fostering a more sustainable drug and alcohol treatment sector in the future.

Improving drug and alcohol treatment services for individuals needing support by enhancing coordination across sectors and boosting sector efficiency.

The organisations involved should be working towards or have obtained accreditation in compliance with the National Quality

Framework.

This activity also aims to address recommendations made by the “investigating alcohol and other drug service needs of young people in Western Sydney” report commissioned and completed in January 2019 and support General Practice in the delivery of Drug and Alcohol addiction treatments, including by ensuring the availability of adequate support services for youth and people from CALD background.

Description of Activity *

Drug and Alcohol rehabilitation services provide functional recovery capacity, attitudinal and behaviour change skills for participants to achieve long term behaviour change with regard to drug or alcohol dependence, while also addressing co-occurring mental health concerns. Services can be residential, day only or community outreach and are provided by a mixture of professional and peer workers.

This activity was commissioned, and the key recommendations listed below are being addressed in Western Sydney:

- Development of strategies to integrate services, support transition of young people between clinical AOD services and community organisations.
- Increase awareness and knowledge of AOD referral pathways and treatment options for young people among generalist youth service providers.

Strengthening resilience in communities, families, and individuals to prevent substance abuse.

- Close gaps in awareness of available AOD training opportunities and generalist youth workforce training needs.
- Increasing collaboration among service providers to share resources and knowledge.
- Provide additional resources to GPs to increase their capacity to support this cohort
- Western Sydney PHN (WSPHN) region has the highest proportion of patients recently released from criminal justice facilities in NSW. These patients are at higher risk of overdose than the general population.
- WSPHN will commission services to provide an appropriate AOD model with appropriate mental health care for people transitioning to the community from the criminal justice system.

Commissioned services will provide case management services to clients leaving the justice system, which includes linking clients to other services to develop community-based release plans. This activity will build on the project which established a strong relationship with the prison system.

- Work will also continue with local GPs to build capacity regarding supporting people with complex AOD use on release from custody.
- The activity will provide support to people in custody who are at risk of problematic AOD use. The service will also work closely with other AOD services in the region, as well as relevant stakeholders to continue to facilitate warm referral pathways for people exiting justice systems.
- This service includes a flexible referral process that involves receiving referrals from welfare, justice health and legal aid staff within the prisons.

Needs Assessment Priorities *

Needs Assessment

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Priorities

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Activity Demographics

Target Population Cohort

Western Sydney residents and their families with a Drug and Alcohol treatment need, including youth and people with co-occurring Mental Health disorders and people in contact with the justice system.

In Scope AOD Treatment Type *

Indigenous Specific *

No

Indigenous Specific Comments

Coverage

Whole Region

Yes

SA3 Name	SA3 Code
Auburn	12501
Rouse Hill - McGraths Hill	11504
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Activity Consultation and Collaboration

Consultation

Consultation has been held with the current providers: Commissioned service providers and other stakeholders in Western Sydney.

Collaboration

This activity is being undertaken in collaboration with the peak body (NADA), Drug Health (WSLHD) and the local Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations and in collaboration with those NGOs with specialist skills providing drug or alcohol services.



Activity Milestone Details/Duration

Activity Start Date

01/07/2016

Activity End Date

30/06/2026

Service Delivery Start Date**Service Delivery End Date****Other Relevant Milestones**

Note - awaiting receipt of AOD DoV with updated end dates

**Activity Commissioning**

Please identify your intended procurement approach for commissioning services under this activity:

Not Yet Known: No

Continuing Service Provider / Contract Extension: Yes

Direct Engagement: No

Open Tender: No

Expression Of Interest (EOI): No

Other Approach (please provide details): No

Is this activity being co-designed?

No

Is this activity the result of a previous co-design process?

No

Do you plan to implement this Activity using co-commissioning or joint-commissioning arrangements?

No

Has this activity previously been co-commissioned or joint-commissioned?

No

Decommissioning

No

Decommissioning details?

Co-design or co-commissioning comments

Is this activity in scope for data collection under the Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Services?

Yes



AOD - 2 – NIAS Enhanced Rehabilitation Capacity



Activity Metadata

Applicable Schedule *

Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services

Activity Prefix *

AOD

Activity Number *

2

Activity Title *

NIAS Enhanced Rehabilitation Capacity

Existing, Modified or New Activity *

Existing



Activity Priorities and Description

Program Key Priority Area *

Alcohol and Other Drugs

Other Program Key Priority Area Description**Aim of Activity ***

- To enhance drug and alcohol rehabilitation services and provide functional recovery capacity, attitude and behaviour change skills for participants to achieve long term change with regard to drug or alcohol dependence.
- This activity will incorporate priority group funding for access for families, people in transition from prison and also other priority population areas such as those from a CALD background, LGBTIQ+ communities, homeless people, young people and/or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- To provide case management services to clients leaving the justice system, which includes linking clients to other services to develop community-based release plans
- This activity will also support programs addressing co-occurring AOD and mental health disorders, which has been identified as an important and underserved area. This will allow a more sustainable drug and alcohol treatment sector in the future.
- The organisations involved should be working towards or have obtained accreditation in compliance with the National Quality Framework.
- To build capacity between tertiary and primary health care sectors to assist with increasing clinical understanding, referral pathways knowledge and movement of complex clients.
- To develop appropriate guidelines for contracting alcohol and other drug treatment services and to assist in making the services more culturally accepting for Aboriginal and Torres Strait people and CALD populations.

Description of Activity *

These projects will combine treatment elements and short-term capacity building for the AOD service providers to be able to respond to priority populations and sustainable elements that will continue to:

- Build consumer leadership in service co-design
- Provide services by a mixture of professional and peer workers (services can be residential, day only or community outreach)
- Increase sustainable family support so that family members with AOD issues are in turn supported to access and complete treatment and experience social inclusion during recovery
- Establish pathways for prisoners on remand and/or short term sentences with significant AOD issues to access treatment and support for reintegration into the community.
- Deliver services that cater to the needs of people suffering from co-occurring AOD and mental health disorders.

Details of the activity include:-

1. Developing a stepped care and person-centred approach covering a continuum of AOD services.
2. AOD practice development engagement, training and workshops; information bundles for patients; pharmacy engagement in AOD screening and education project
3. Innovative models of engagement with general practice will be utilised to drive engagement with Drug & Alcohol professional development, service provision and increase health literacy of general practice patients.

WSPHN will continue its work with NGO providers to reduce the contract compliance burden whilst meeting PHN contractual requirements. 'Proof of concept' projects with providers to potentially align reporting requirements across multiple providers will continue.

Needs Assessment Priorities *

Needs Assessment

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Priorities

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Activity Demographics

Target Population Cohort

Western Sydney residents with an AOD treatment need and their families with a focus on priority populations; CALD community, young people, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people, homeless people, LGBTIQ+ people, people leaving prison and people with a co-occurring mental health disorder, service providers working with/in general practice and AOD service delivery.

In Scope AOD Treatment Type *

Indigenous Specific *

No

Indigenous Specific Comments

Coverage

Whole Region

Yes

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Activity Consultation and Collaboration

Consultation

Consultation has occurred with:

- Commissioned service providers.
- WSPHN Alcohol and Other Drug Advisory group
- WSLHD Drug Health
- WSPHN Advisory Groups including the Clinical and Consumer Advisory Councils.

Collaboration

This activity will continue to be undertaken in consultation with state and Commonwealth health departments, the peak NGO body, Drug Health WSLHD, local Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations and involves collaboration with service providers.

This activity will also require collaboration with general practitioners and pharmacists.



Activity Milestone Details/Duration

Activity Start Date

01/07/2016

Activity End Date

30/06/2026

Service Delivery Start Date

Service Delivery End Date

Other Relevant Milestones

Note - awaiting receipt of AOD DoV prior to updating end dates



Activity Commissioning

Please identify your intended procurement approach for commissioning services under this activity:

Not Yet Known: No

Continuing Service Provider / Contract Extension: Yes

Direct Engagement: No

Open Tender: No

Expression Of Interest (EOI): No

Other Approach (please provide details): No

Is this activity being co-designed?

No

Is this activity the result of a previous co-design process?

No

Do you plan to implement this Activity using co-commissioning or joint-commissioning arrangements?

No

Has this activity previously been co-commissioned or joint-commissioned?

No

Decommissioning

No

Decommissioning details?

Co-design or co-commissioning comments

Is this activity in scope for data collection under the Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Services?

Yes



AOD - 5 - Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services Maintenance



Activity Metadata

Applicable Schedule *

Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services

Activity Prefix *

AOD

Activity Number *

5

Activity Title *

Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services Maintenance

Existing, Modified or New Activity *

Existing



Activity Priorities and Description

Program Key Priority Area *

Alcohol and Other Drugs

Other Program Key Priority Area Description**Aim of Activity ***

DATSM provides funding to replace the SACS supplement payments which ceased on 30 June 2021. The funding ensures continuity of existing services, addressing emerging treatment needs and providing ongoing salary support for the workforce delivering these essential services.

Description of Activity *

DATSM funding will be used to supplement currently commissioned AOD providers funding to sustain service delivery by maintaining existing AOD treatment services previously supported through SACS supplementation funding.

Needs Assessment Priorities ***Needs Assessment**

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Activity Demographics

Target Population Cohort

In Scope AOD Treatment Type *

Indigenous Specific *

No

Indigenous Specific Comments

Coverage

Whole Region

Yes



Activity Consultation and Collaboration

Consultation

Collaboration



Activity Milestone Details/Duration

Activity Start Date

31/03/2022

Activity End Date

30/06/2026

Service Delivery Start Date

Service Delivery End Date

Other Relevant Milestones



Activity Commissioning

Please identify your intended procurement approach for commissioning services under this activity:

Not Yet Known: No

Continuing Service Provider / Contract Extension: Yes

Direct Engagement: No

Open Tender: No

Expression Of Interest (EOI): No

Other Approach (please provide details): No

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No

Decommissioning

No

Decommissioning details?

Co-design or co-commissioning comments

Is this activity in scope for data collection under the Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Services?

Yes



AOD - 9 - NIAS Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders people Funding for increased service capacity for AOD services



Activity Metadata

Applicable Schedule *

Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services

Activity Prefix *

AOD

Activity Number *

9

Activity Title *

NIAS Indigenous Funding for increased service capacity for AOD services

Existing, Modified or New Activity *

Existing



Activity Priorities and Description

Program Key Priority Area *

Alcohol and Other Drugs

Other Program Key Priority Area Description**Aim of Activity ***

To support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients with AOD issues and their families and to expand the availability of rehabilitation places.

The organisations involved should be working towards or have obtained accreditation in compliance with the National Quality Framework.

Description of Activity *

Epidemiologically based modelling by the NSW AOD NGO peak body, NADA, indicates that less than 50% of the need for rehabilitation places are funded in NSW. This activity will seek to expand the availability of rehabilitation places for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people available within Western Sydney PHN.

This activity commissions additional capacity from Aboriginal community-controlled service providers for the purposes of providing Indigenous-specific AOD treatment services. Services include care coordination, case management, counselling and enhancing systems capacity. Weighting will be applied to services that can demonstrate innovative and culturally appropriate models of care and services that demonstrate they can provide effective services for women and men and families.

The service will support clients with AOD issues, with or without co-morbidity, and their families, through their treatment and

wellness journey, utilising both internal services and referral pathways/linkages (such as legal, employment, medical, child and family care and housing).

Needs Assessment Priorities *

Needs Assessment

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Activity Demographics

Target Population Cohort

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people residing in western Sydney

In Scope AOD Treatment Type *

Indigenous Specific *

Yes

Indigenous Specific Comments

Activities will be delivered by Indigenous lead agencies and agencies that have a high case load of Indigenous clients.

Coverage

Whole Region

Yes

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Activity Consultation and Collaboration

Consultation

Ongoing consultation and communication with Aboriginal community-controlled organisations working in AOD in Western Sydney and AHMRC.

Collaboration

This activity is undertaken in consultation with the relevant peak bodies, local indigenous organisations and relevant consumer and carer representatives.



Activity Milestone Details/Duration

Activity Start Date

01/07/2016

Activity End Date

30/06/2026

Service Delivery Start Date

Service Delivery End Date

Other Relevant Milestones

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Not Yet Known: No

Continuing Service Provider / Contract Extension: Yes

Direct Engagement: No

Open Tender: No

Expression Of Interest (EOI): No

Other Approach (please provide details): No

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Is this activity the result of a previous co-design process?

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No

Has this activity previously been co-commissioned or joint-commissioned?

No

Decommissioning

No

Decommissioning details?

Not applicable

Co-design or co-commissioning comments

Not Applicable

Is this activity in scope for data collection under the Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Services?

Yes
